

**Board of Commissioners**

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***Via electronic filing***

Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
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Commissioner Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

As the Commission considers the public interest regarding the proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable, I ask that the Commission consider this letter in support of the proposed merger. As Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, I offer my support of the proposed merger based on my experience with Comcast in our community as a driver of economic growth and as an active corporate citizen.

One of my objectives, as Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, is to attract investment in the County which will fuel job creation and economic growth. In support of this objective, Comcast has made significant infrastructure investments to ensure that Gwinnett businesses have the connectivity they need to compete in a worldwide marketplace and that our residents have access to state of the art broadband services in their homes. This technology infrastructure is a critical element of the County's economic development strategy. Comcast has also strengthened our economy by partnering with Gwinnett-based and Georgia-based businesses. As an example, Comcast purchases modems and other broadband equipment from ARRIS, a technology company based in Suwanee, Georgia within Gwinnett County, to support the enhancement of Comcast's high speed network. As far as Comcast's overall investment in Georgia, my understanding is that Comcast spent more than \$700 million in Georgia last year. Comcast's investment in infrastructure and partnerships with our local businesses helps support job creation and economic growth with Gwinnett County and Georgia.

As an active corporate citizen in Gwinnett County, Comcast has partnered with both Gwinnett County and the Gwinnett County School District to ensure that our workforce has the digital literacy skills to support a technology based economy. With more than thirteen percent of our county's residents below the poverty rate, we have a number of students whose families cannot afford to have a computer or pay for internet service. The School District works with Comcast to share information on the company's Internet Essentials program, which supplies an Internet connection and a computer at a very low cost to low-income families. In support of this partnership, Gwinnett County compliments this technology access for low-income families with free basic and intermediate computer classes at the County's libraries and human services centers.

Charlotte J. Nash, Chairman  
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Comcast's role as an active corporate citizen in Gwinnett County does not end with helping low-income families obtain access to technology. Comcast is also committed to volunteerism in Gwinnett and its communities. This past April, I was proud to join a group of fifty Comcast employees, family members and other volunteers at the Rainbow Village in Gwinnett County. The efforts of these volunteers at the Rainbow Village to landscape the grounds helped create a more positive environment for Gwinnett residents experiencing difficult times and needing the services this transitional housing facility for homeless families.

Comcast has brought needed digital services to business and school children that help Gwinnett keep pace with other regions. I look forward to the company expanding its footprint in Gwinnett and anticipate similar positive impacts in other markets where Comcast is able to offer its broadband and video products. In making your decision on this merger and the public interest, I hope that the Commission will consider this letter of support and the positive impact that Comcast has made and will continue to make in Gwinnett County and other regions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte J. Nash". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Charlotte J. Nash, Chairman  
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

c: Glenn P. Stephens, County Administrator